

BRECKLAND COUNCIL

At a Meeting of the

COUNCIL

**Held on Thursday, 4 August 2011 at 10.30 am in the
Anglia Room, The Conference Suite, Elizabeth House, Dereham**

PRESENT

Mrs S Armes	Mr R.G. Kybird
Mr S. Askew	Mr T.J. Lamb
Mr S.G. Bambridge	Mr K. Martin
Councillor Claire Bowes	Mrs S.M. Matthews
Mr A.J. Byrne	Mrs K. Millbank
Mr C G Carter	Mrs L.H. Monument
Mr T R Carter	Mr T F C Monument
Mr R.P. Childerhouse	Mrs J A North
Mr C S Clark	Mr J.W. Nunn
Mr P.D. Claussen	Mrs P. Quadling
Mr P R W Darby	Mr R R Richmond
Mr R.W. Duffield	Mr W R J Richmond
Mr P.J. Duigan	Mr M S Robinson
Mr B J English	Mr J.D. Rogers
Lady Fisher	Mr B. Rose
Mr K.S. Gilbert	Mr F.J. Sharpe
Mr R.F. Goreham (Vice-Chair, in the Chair)	Mr I. Sherwood
Councillor E. Gould	Mr B J Skull
Mr S R Green	Mr W.H.C. Smith
Mrs D.K.R. Irving	Mrs P.A. Spencer
Mr A.P. Joel	Mr A.C. Stasiak
Mrs E M Jolly	Mrs A.L. Steward
Mr C.R. Jordan	Mrs L.S. Turner
Mr M.A. Kiddle-Morris	Mr M A Wassell

In Attendance

Julie Britton	- Senior Committee Officer
Terry Huggins	- Chief Executive
Helen McAleer	- Senior Committee Officer

84/11 MINUTES (AGENDA ITEM 1)

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2011 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

85/11 APOLOGIES (AGENDA ITEM 2)

Apologies for absence were received from Mr W Borrett, Mr P Cowen, Mr T Jermy, Mr C Jordan, Mr S Rogers, Mr N Wilkin and Mr D Williams.

86/11 DECLARATION OF INTEREST (AGENDA ITEM 3)

Mr R Kybird declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 12 (TAAP Submission Version) by virtue of being a member of Thetford Town Council, Moving Thetford Forward Board and the Thetford Society and a local builder.

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Mrs A Steward declared a personal interest in Agenda Items 12 (TAAP Submission Version) and 14 (Moving Thetford Forward Board Minutes) by virtue of being a County Council Cabinet Member for Economic Development.

Lady K Fisher declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 12 (TAAP Submission Version) relating to the Thetford Urban Extension and the Habitats directive by virtue of her husband's landholdings in the area.

87/11 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (AGENDA ITEM 4)

The Vice-Chairman was in the Chair as the Chairman was representing the Council at an event in Yarmouth. He noted that the Chairman had been extremely busy – attending numerous events on behalf of the Council in the previous six weeks. He particularly mentioned the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace and the Chairman's own reception which he said had been excellent.

Engagements List – Chairman
23rd June, 2011 – 3rd August, 2011

Date	Event	Host
24 th June, 2011	Civic Reception	Mayor of Thetford, Councillor Derek Mortimer
29 th June, 2011	Garden Party – Buckingham Palace	
30 th June, 2011	Promotion of World Horse Welfare's rehoming scheme	World Horse Welfare
30 th June, 2011	At Home	Mayor & Mayoress of Wisbech, Councillor Jonathan R. Farmer TD and Mrs. Susanah Farmer
2 nd July, 2011	Suffolk Youth Music, Summer Concerts	Suffolk County Music Centre
3 rd July, 2011	Dedication of the granite wedge to be added to the War Memorial in Swaffham	Swaffham and District Far East Prisoners of War Association
7 th July, 2011	Opening Ceremony – Suffolk & Norfolk Police Investigation Centres, Bury St. Edmunds	Norfolk & Suffolk Police Authorities
9 th July, 2011	Street Procession and Civic Reception	Lord Mayor of Norwich and Sheriff of Norwich

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10 th July, 2011	Mayor's Civic Service	The Mayor and Mayoress of St. Edmundsbury, Councillor Christopher Spicer and Councillor Mrs. Joanna Spicer DL
15 th July, 2011	Official Opening of 4 Gaymer Memorial Cottages, Attleborough by George Freeman MP	Hastoe Housing Association Ltd.
15 th July, 2011	Summer Reception	Chairman of Norfolk County Council, Councillor Mrs. Shelagh Hutson
21 st July, 2011	Presentation of Long Service Certificates for Magistrates	Advisory Committee on Justices of the Peace for the County of Norfolk
24 th July, 2011	Fun weekend, Narborough	
29 th July, 2011	Breckland Council Chairman's Reception	
30 th July, 2011	Necton Fete	
30 th July, 2011	Concert to mark the conclusion of the King's Lynn Annual Arts Festival	Mayor of the Borough Council of Kings Lynn & West Norfolk, Councillor Colin Sampson and the Leader, Councillor Nick Daubney
31 st July, 2011	Mayor's Civic Service	Mayor of Attleborough, Councillor Karen Pettitt
3 rd August, 2011	Start of the Back to Bayern Challenge – 1300 cycle ride from Norwich to Munich raising money for the Norfolk and Norwich Association for the Blind	Mr. P. Child – Director, Norfolk & Norwich Association for the Blind

Engagements List – Vice-Chairman
23rd June, 2011 – 3rd August, 2011

Date	Event	Host
3 rd July, 2011	Annual Civic Service	Lord Mayor of Norwich, Councillor Jenny Lay, and Sheriff of Norfolk, Mr. Chris Higgins

88/11 CABINET - 26 JULY 2011 (AGENDA ITEM 5)

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- (a) Minute No 59/11 Active Land Management – Tranche 3 (Minute No 59/11)

The Chairman noted that there had been a very good debate on this item. A lot had been said about 'only investigating possibilities' of development. He was concerned that the Resolution on page 70 made no mention of further investigation. The tenor and pitch of the debate had 'left the door ajar' for further investigations and he suggested that the resolution should be amended. He went on to say that he had not met anyone that liked the idea of building on green spaces.

The Executive Member for Assets & Strategic Development responded by saying that the Council owned over 6,000 pieces of land and only 70 of the larger pieces were being looked at. Some of the sites had constraints which would need to be investigated and might preclude development, but to provide best value for all the District's ratepayers, they needed to be investigated.

Mrs Monument pointed out that one village had supported the use of open land for housing, but she agreed that the towns were different and were dismayed that small pieces of land were being developed. She suggested that the resolution should be amended at point 8 to say 'investigate' development of part of site....

The Leader of the Council accepted their point and said that when the Minutes were presented to Cabinet he would propose the amendment.

- (b) Thetford Area Action Plan (TAAP) (Submission Version) (Minute No 62/11)

The Executive Member for Assets & Strategic Development asked Members to accept an amendment to the recommendation on page 74 to include the whole of the wording of Option A.

RESOLVED:

- (1) to agree to the publication of the TAAP document, including any amendments, for a period of at least six weeks; and
- (2) to further agree to submit the TAAP document to the Secretary of State for an Examination in Public, unless comments received during the six weeks of pre-submission publication indicate that the document is unsound and should be withdrawn.

- (c) Adoption

RESOLVED that the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 26 July 2011 be adopted.

Action By

89/11 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION - 14 JULY 2011 (AGENDA ITEM 6)

(a) Executive Member Portfolio Update (Minute No 48/11)

A Member of the Commission noted that the Executive Member had presented a very thorough report.

The Chairman agreed. The Executive Member knew his subject well and spoke with enthusiasm. He was also very good at keeping Members informed.

(b) Adoption

RESOLVED that the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Overview & Scrutiny Commission meeting held on 14 July 2011 be adopted.

90/11 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE - 13 JUNE 2011 (AGENDA ITEM 7)

RESOLVED that the confirmed Minutes of the Development Control Committee meeting held on 13 June 2011 be adopted.

91/11 PLANNING COMMITTEE - 11 JULY 2011 (AGENDA ITEM 8)

RESOLVED that the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 11 July be adopted.

92/11 APPEALS COMMITTEE - 20 JULY 2011 (AGENDA ITEM 9)

(a) Application for the renewal and restoration of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence (Minute No 23/11)

The Chairman of the Appeals Committee asked Members to note a small amendment at the bottom of page 32 in the final sentence which should read: In 16 years he had been convicted of no other offences...

(b) Adoption

RESOLVED that the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Appeals Committee meeting held on 20 July 2011 be adopted.

93/11 AUDIT COMMITTEE - 24 JUNE 2011 (AGENDA ITEM 10)

RESOLVED that the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 24 June 2011 be adopted.

93 .a Annual Report of the Audit Committee (Agenda Item 10A)

RESOLVED to adopt the Annual Report of the Audit Committee.

94/11 STANDARDS COMMITTEE - 5 JULY 2011 (AGENDA ITEM 11)

RESOLVED that the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 5 July 2011 be adopted.

Action By

**95/11 THETFORD AREA ACTION PLAN (TAAP) (SUBMISSION VERSION)
(AGENDA ITEM 12)**

The report was noted. The recommendation had been moved under Agenda Item 5 (Cabinet Minutes). See Minute No 88/11 above.

**96/11 NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE AND OTHER SEATS (AGENDA
ITEM 13)**

RESOLVED that:

- (1) Mr Clark, Mr Claussen, Mr Kiddle-Morris and Mrs Turner be appointed to the Joint Appointment Appeals Committee;
- (2) Mr Bambridge and Mr Duigan be appointed as Substitute Members of the ARP Joint Committee.

**97/11 MOVING THETFORD FORWARD BOARD - 14 JULY 2011 (AGENDA
ITEM 14)**

The Minutes of the Moving Thetford Forward Board meeting held on 14 July 2011 were noted.

Attention was drawn to the following matters which would be raised when the minutes were presented to the Moving Thetford Forward Board:

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| Minute No 23/11(b) | should read murals, not muriels |
| Minute No 23/11(c) | should read Nun's Bridges, not Nunn's |
| Minute No 28/11 | Kevin Cooper had not been in attendance at the public meeting;
The Town Council had not called for the Poll. |

The meeting closed at 11.05 am

CHAIRMAN